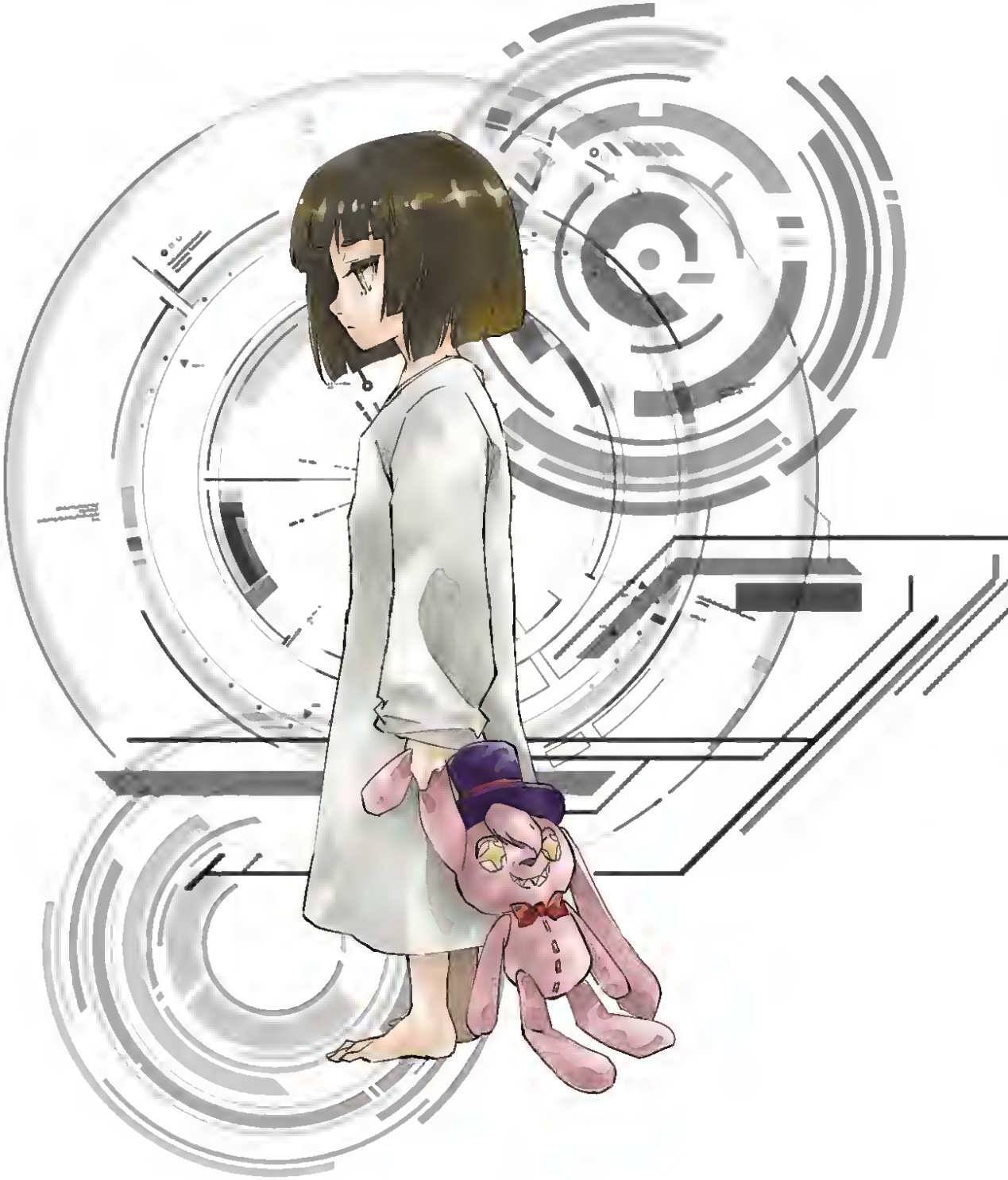

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PTOLEMY'S SINGULARITY

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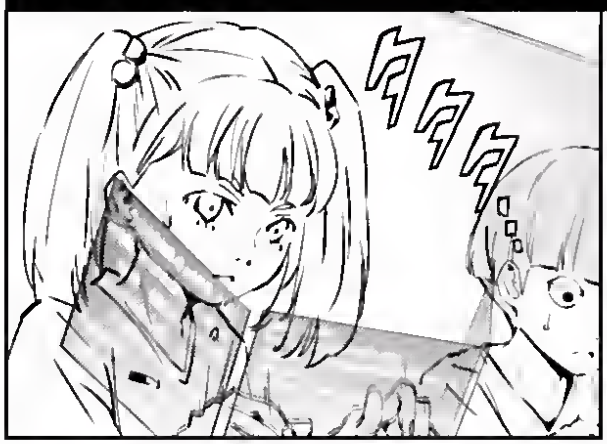

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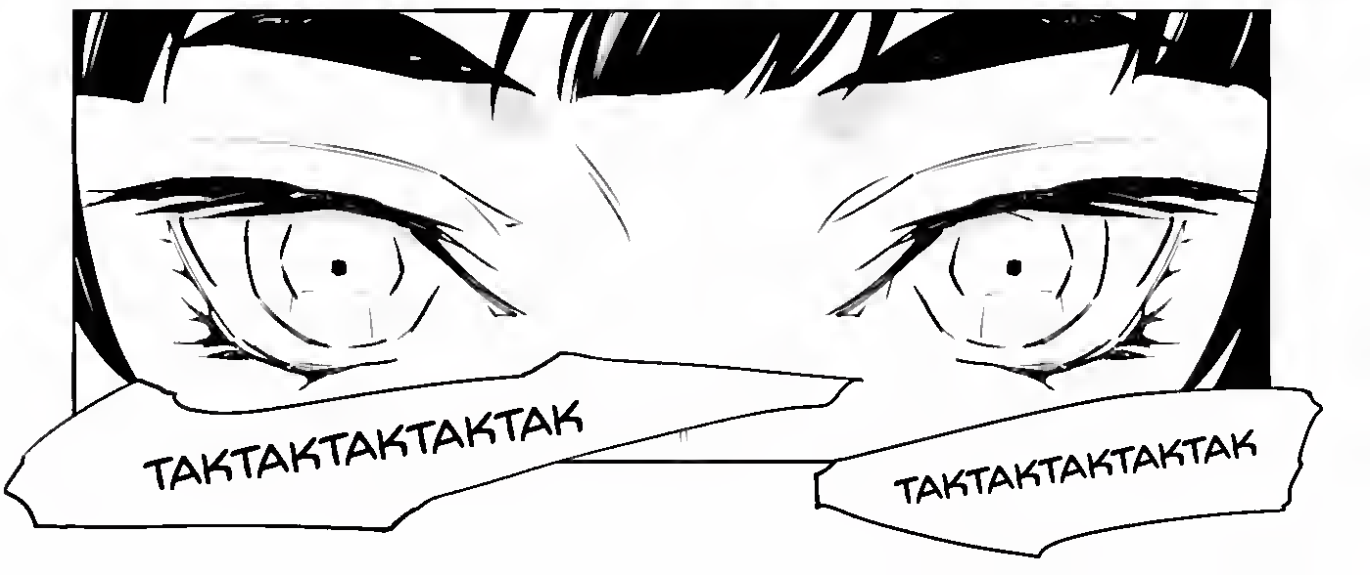
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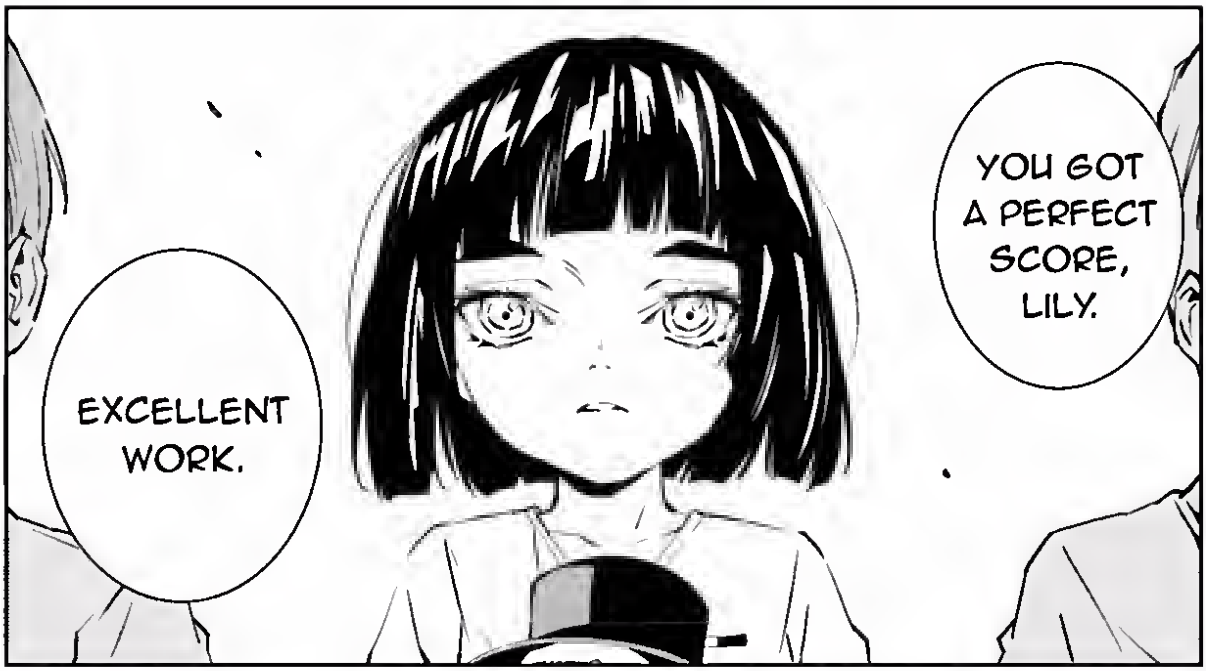
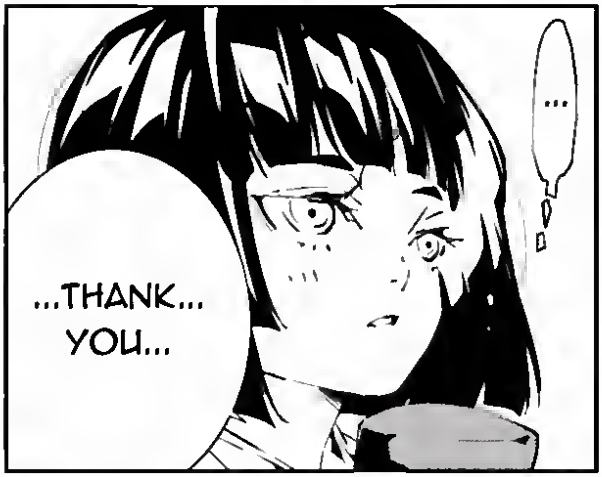
THAT'S THE END OF THE TEST.
YOU ALL DID A GOOD JOB TODAY!
HOWEVER, ONLY ONE OF YOU WILL BE MOVING UP...
...TO THE NEXT GRADE.


EXCELLENT WORK.
YOU GOT A PERFECT SCORE, LILY.


...THANK... YOU...
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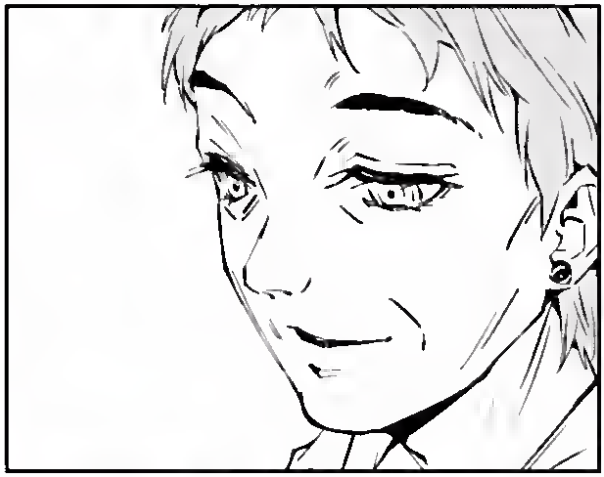
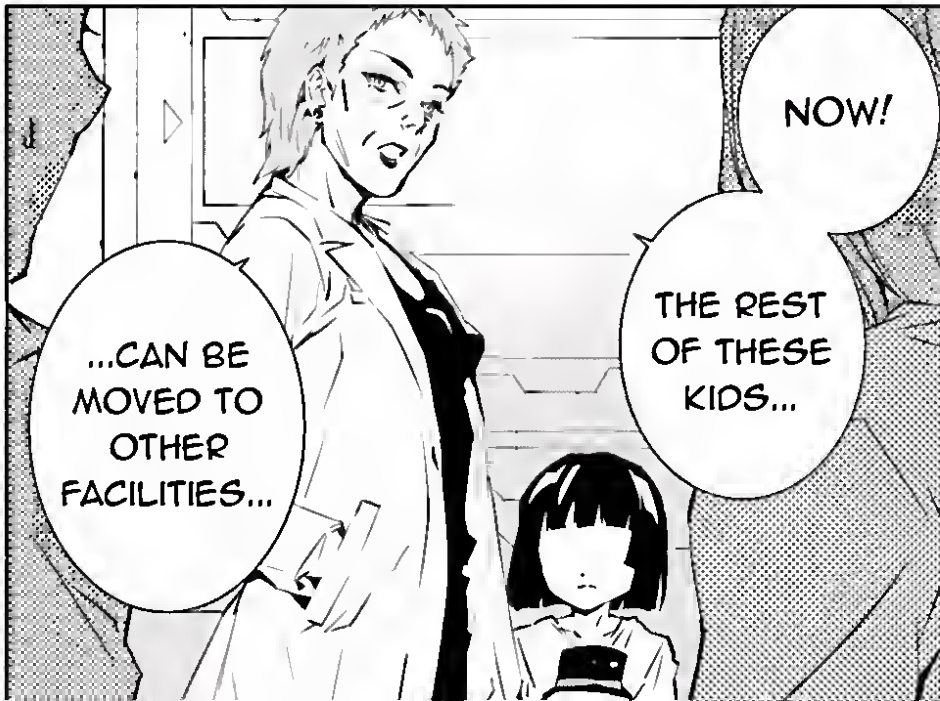
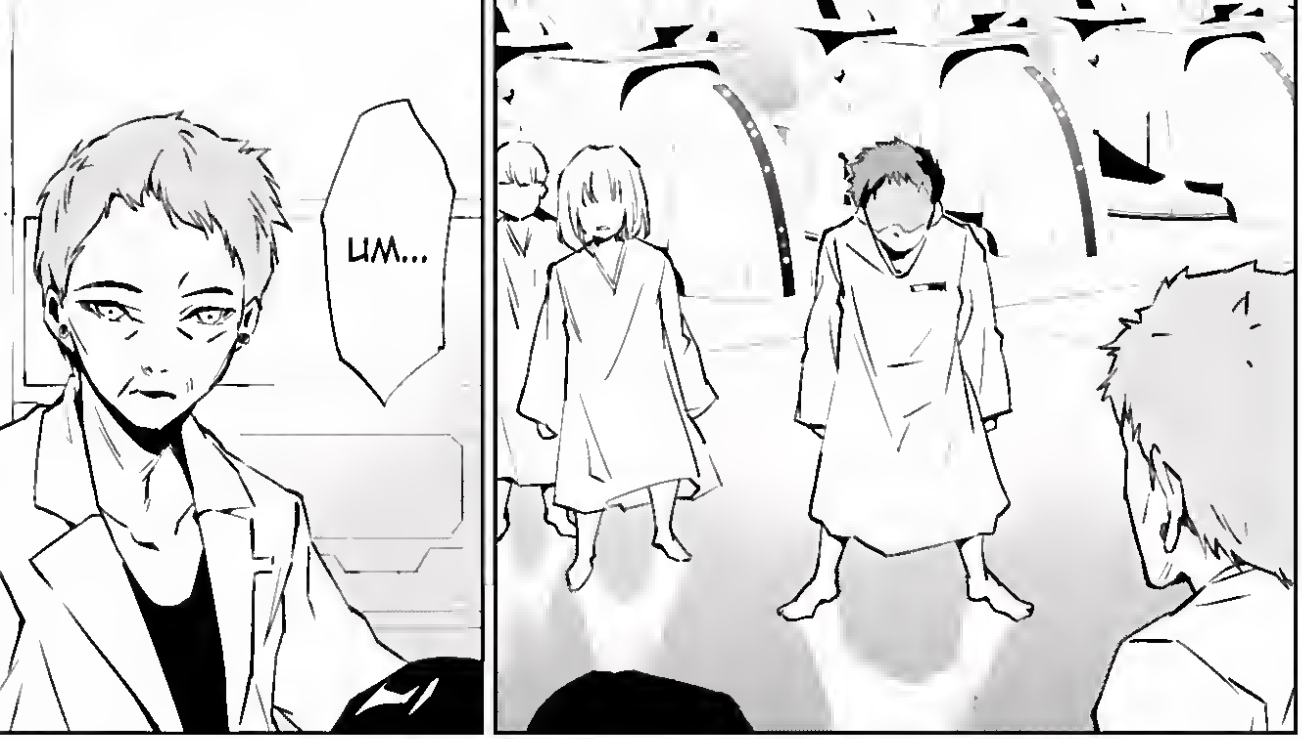
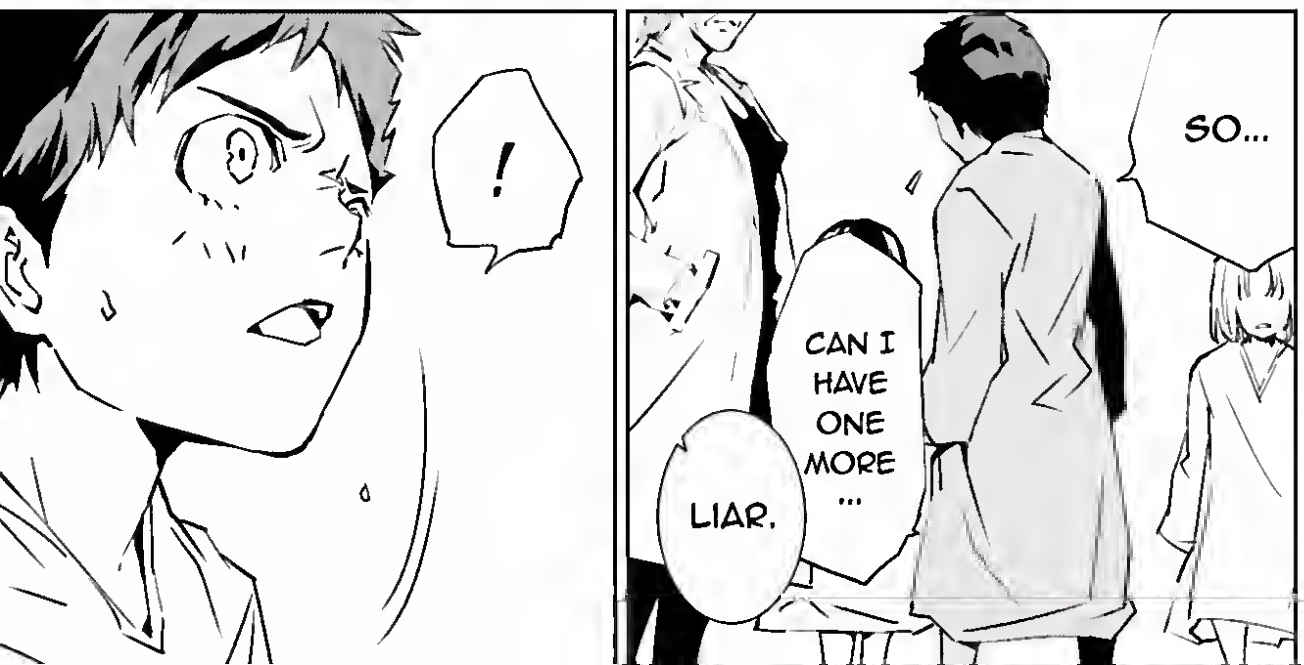


DOCTOR, WAIT!


...CAN BE MOVED TO OTHER FACILITIES...
THE REST OF THESE KIDS...
NOW!


UM...

I COULDN'T CONCENTRATE.
I...
...WASN'T FEELING VERY WELL TODAY...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SO...
CAN I HAVE ONE MORE ...
LIAR.

TODAY HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH YOUR PHYSICAL CONDITION.
THE PROGRESSION OF YOUR ABILITIES WAS SLOW TO BEGIN WITH.

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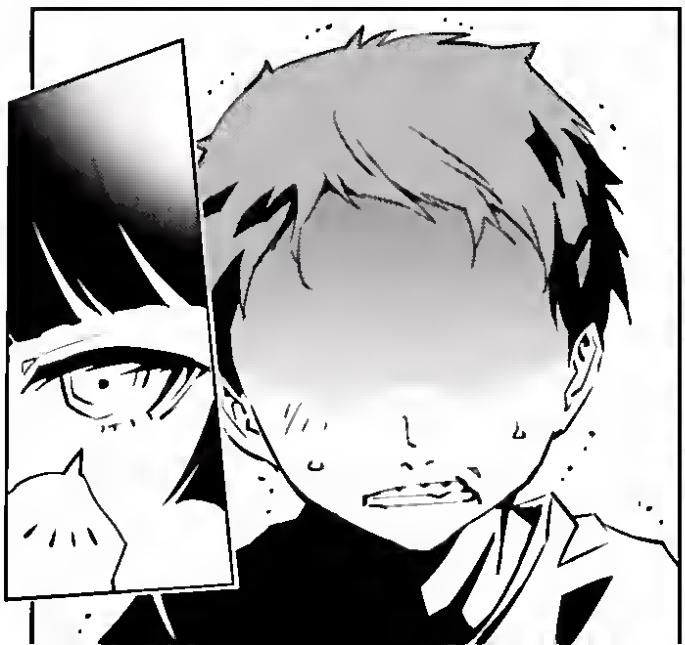
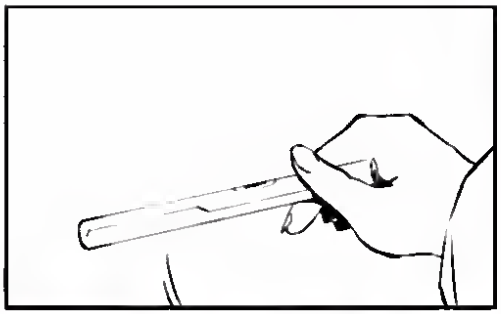
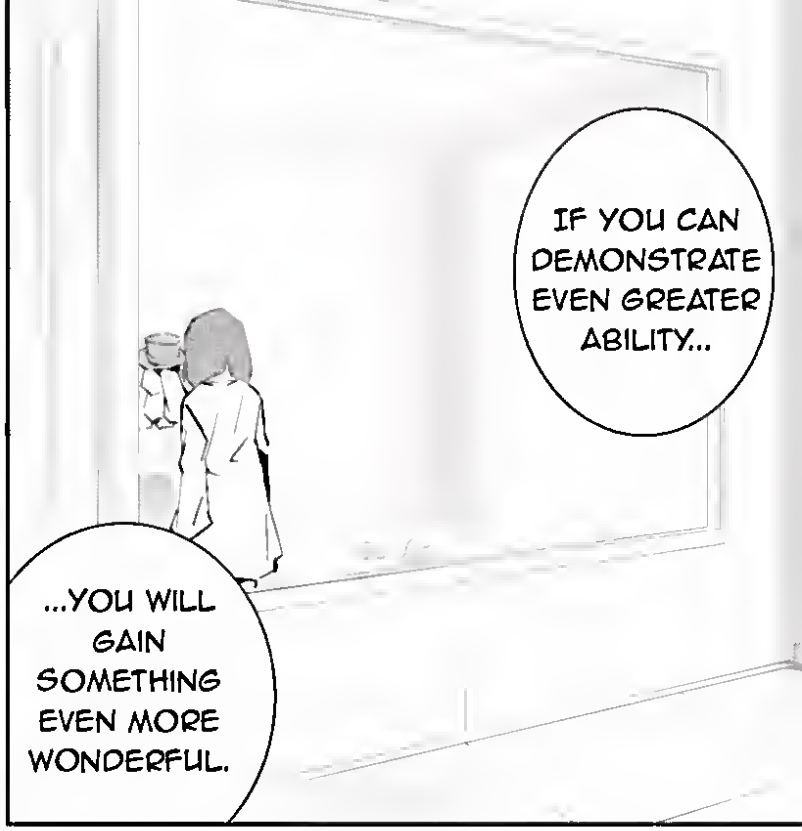
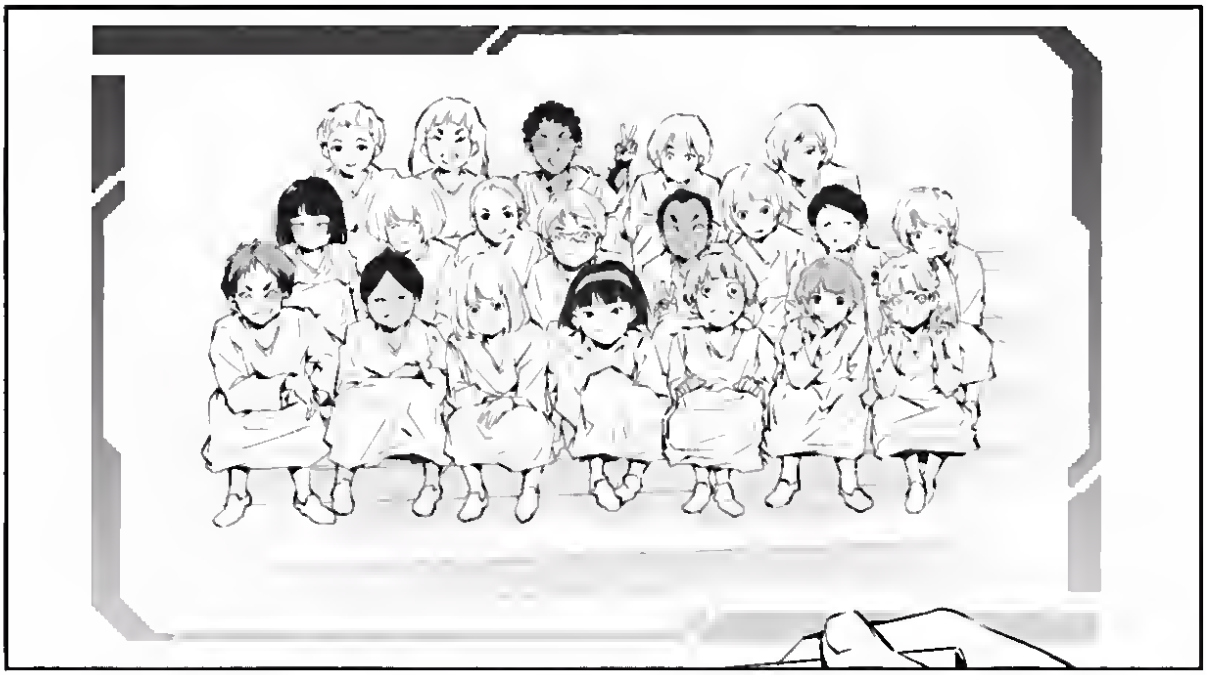


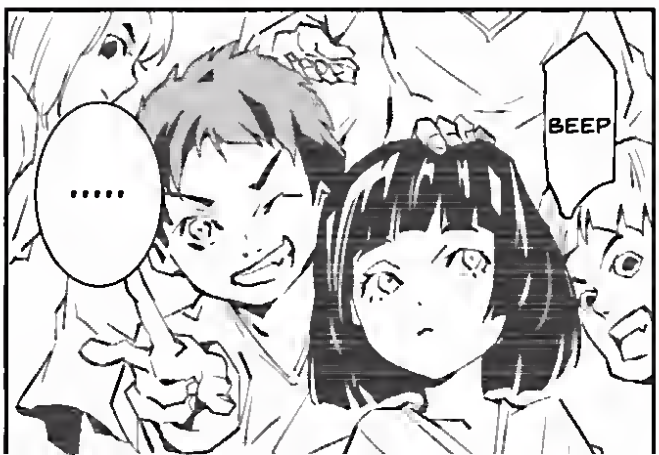
HUFF...
HUFF
HUFF
WHY YOU...!
I HATE YOU!!
I...

LILY, ARE YOU HURT?
PSSHT
IT WOULD APPEAR THAT SUBJECT ALSO HAS SOME EMOTIONAL ISSUES...
...I'M...
...FINE...
BE-CAUSE...
...YOU GAVE IT TO ME...
OH, THAT RABBIT...
YOU REALLY LIKE IT, DON'T YOU?
I SEE. GLAD TO HEAR IT.
BUT LILY...




IF YOU CAN DEMONSTRATE EVEN GREATER ABILITY...
...YOU WILL GAIN SOMETHING EVEN MORE WONDERFUL.

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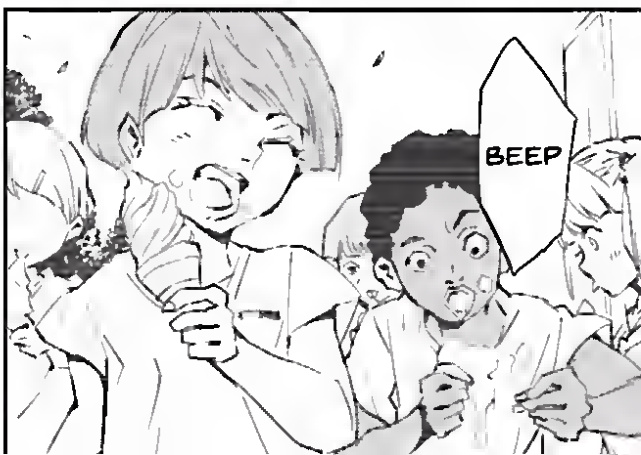
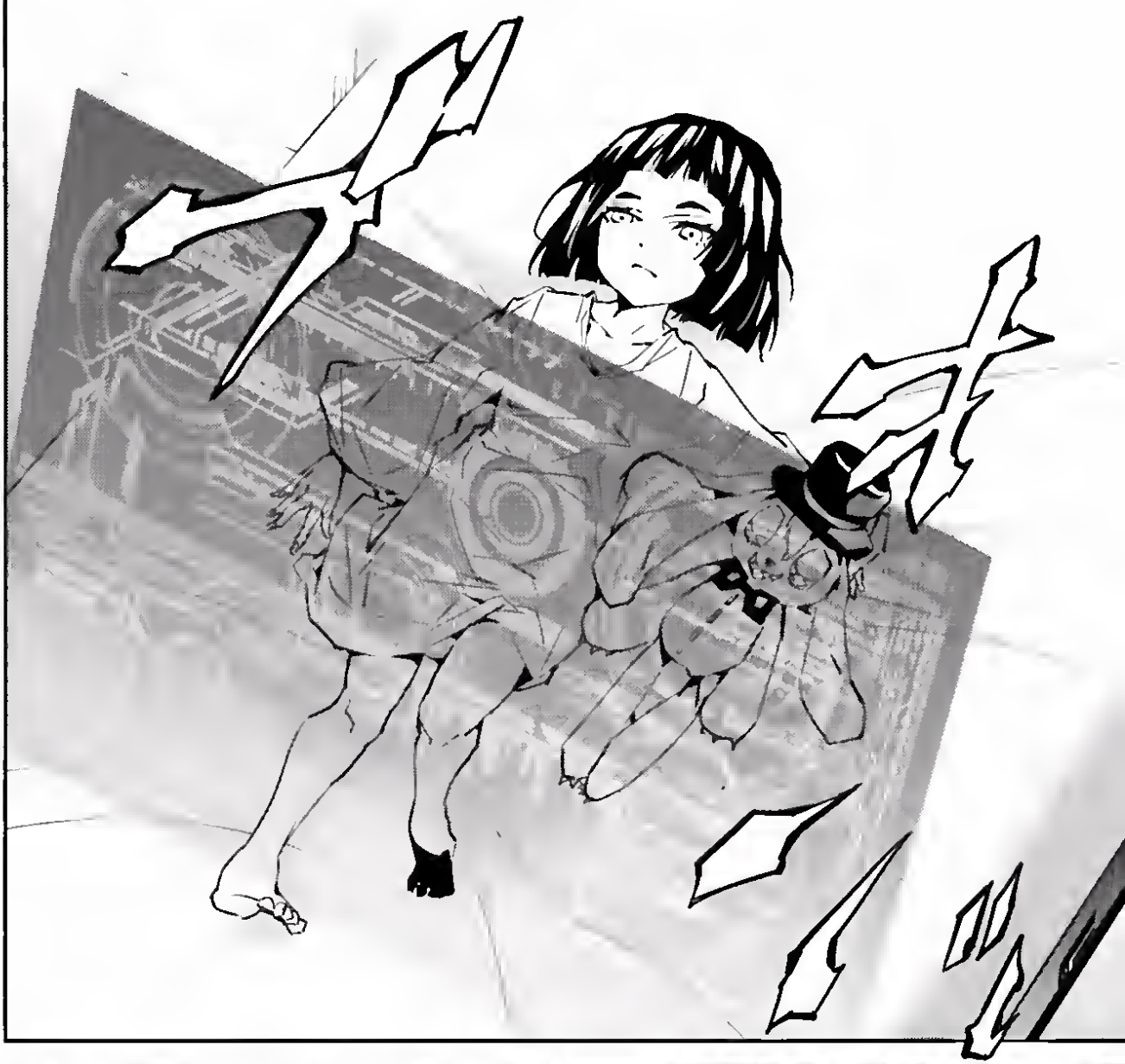
BEEP


BEEP

.....
HEY, DID I...
...DO SOME-THING BAD?
FWUMP
ACTIVATE THIS ROOM'S DUMMY-IMAGE CAMOUFLAGE SYSTEM.



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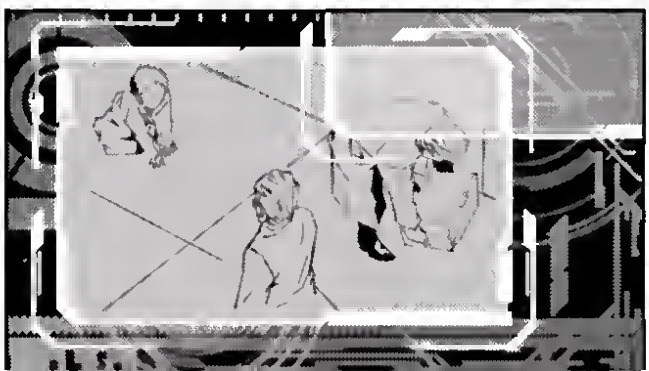
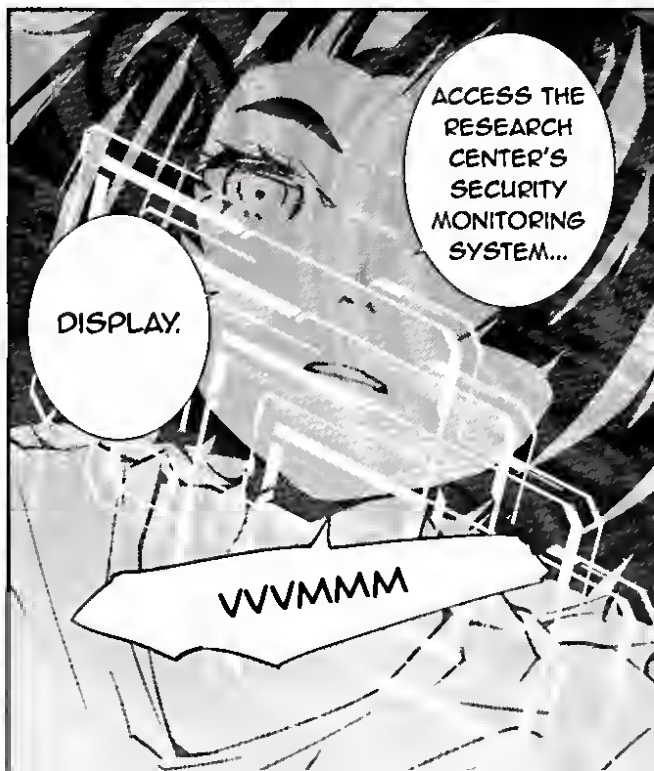
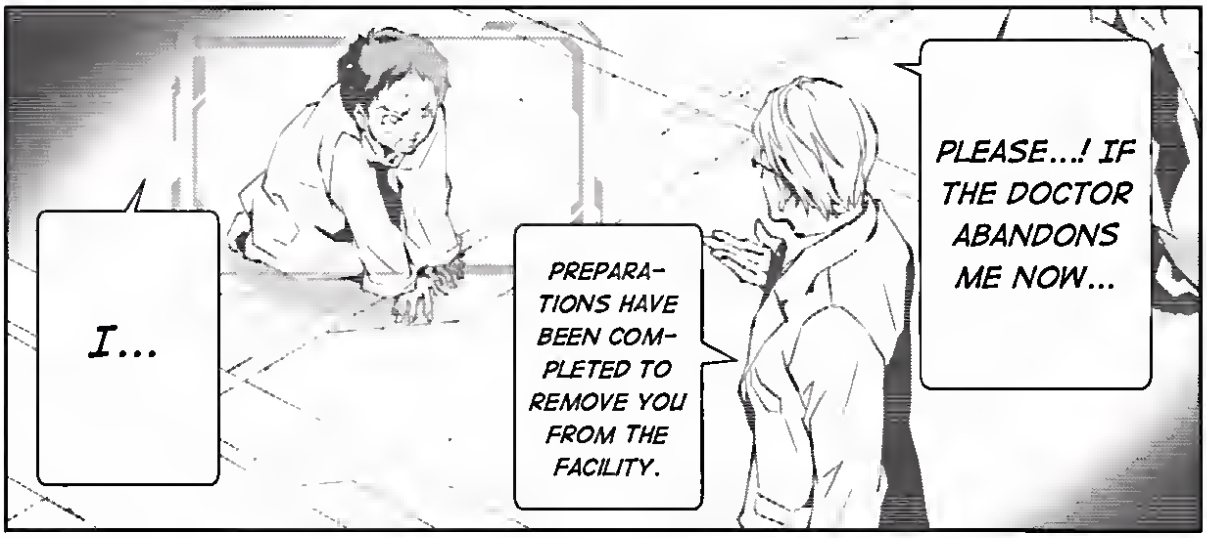
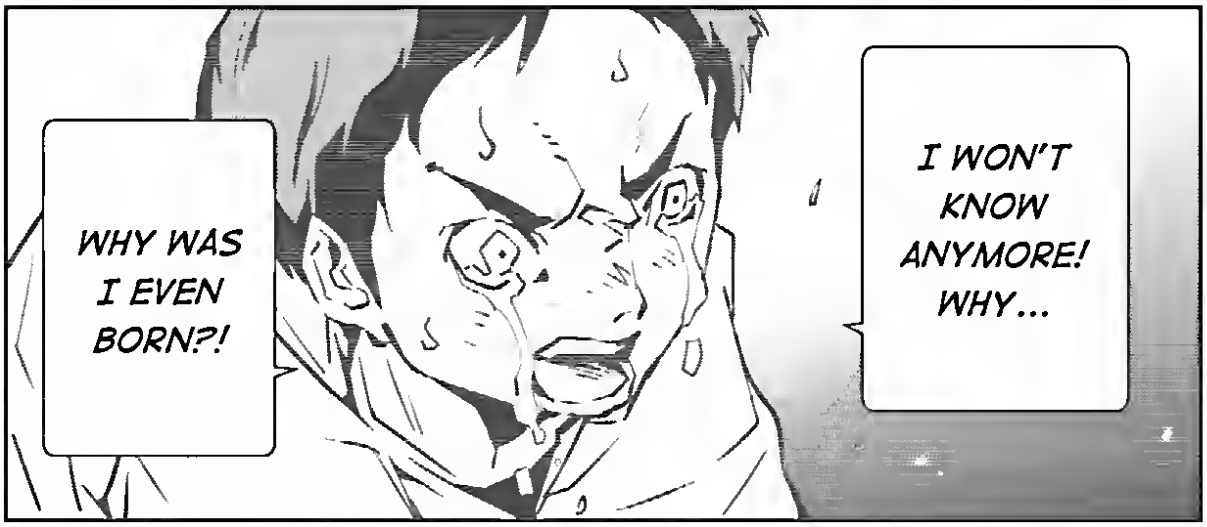
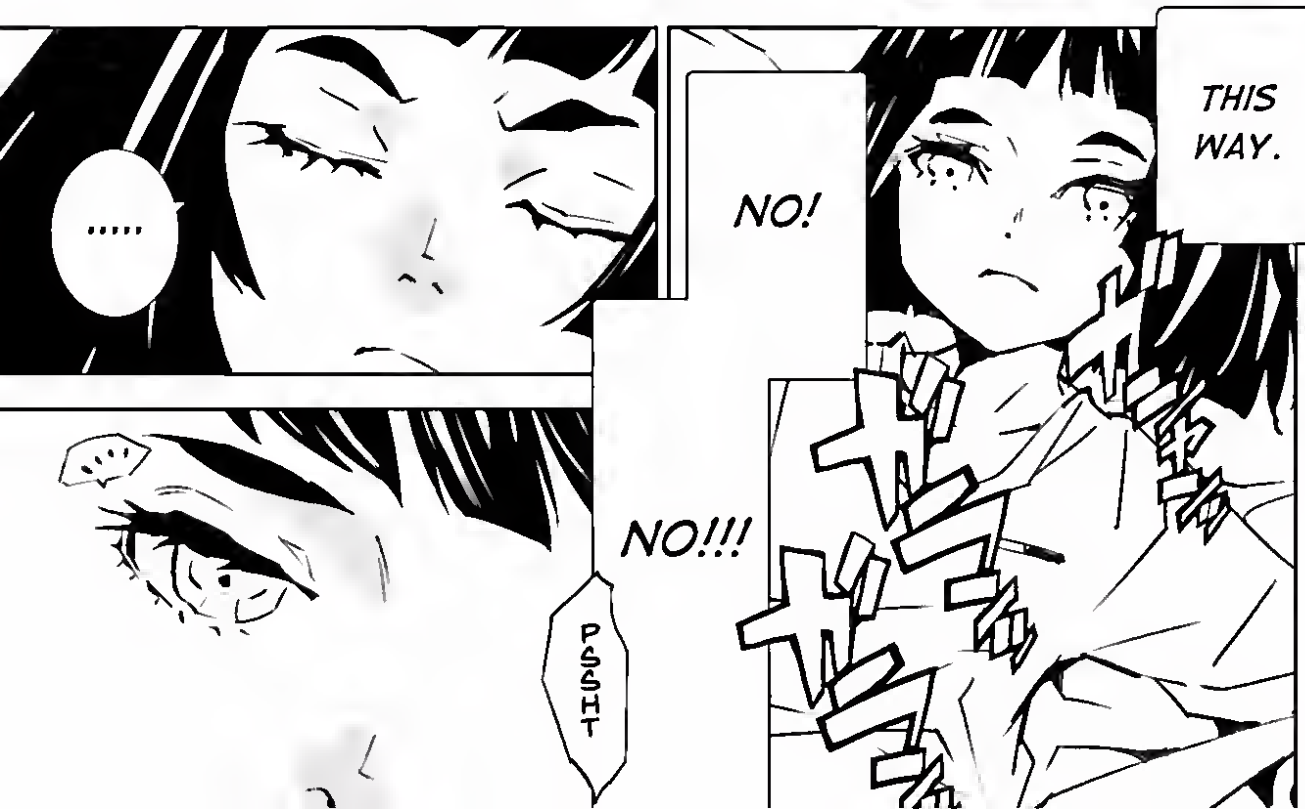


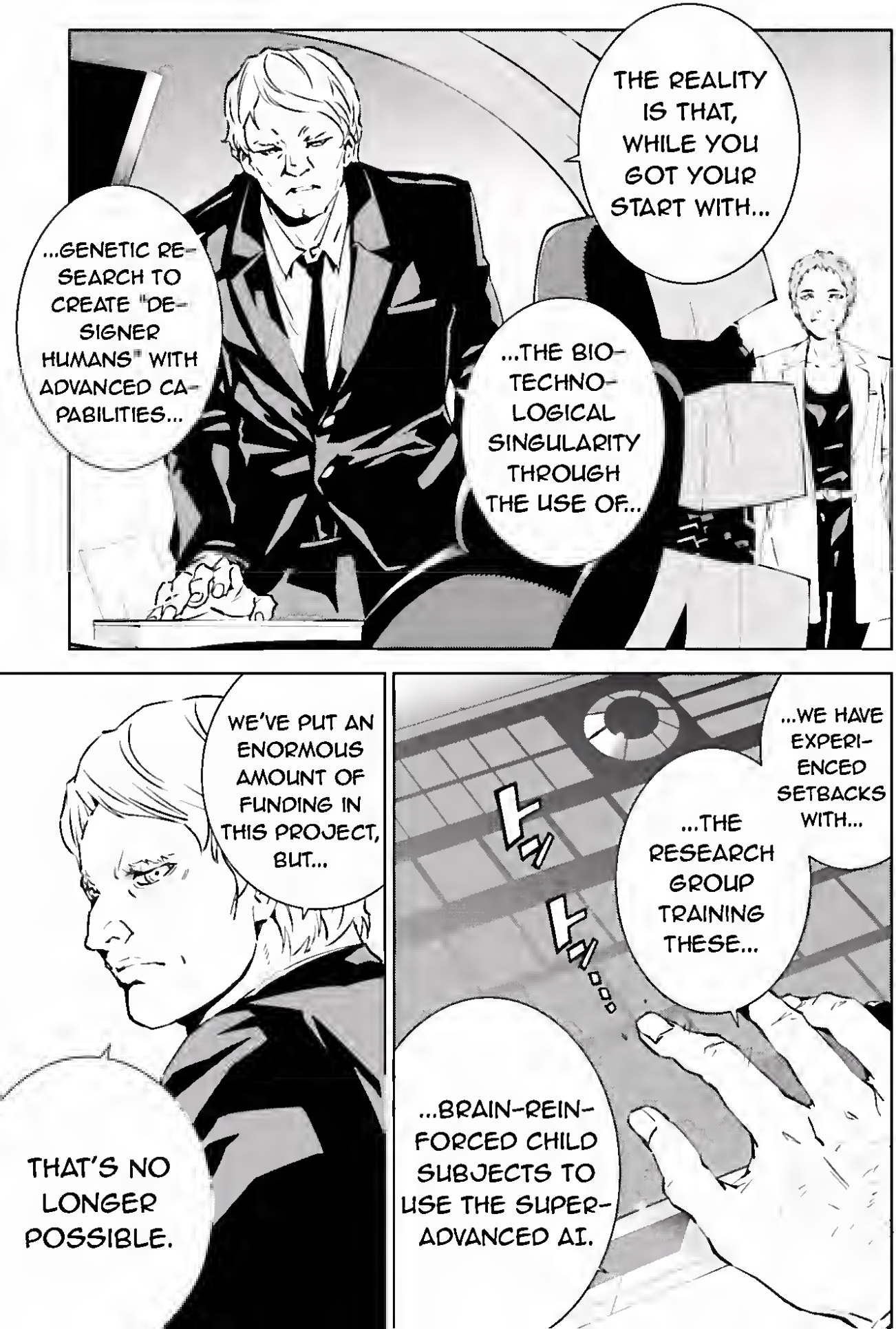

ACCESS THE RESEARCH CENTER'S SECURITY MONITORING SYSTEM...
DISPLAY.
VVVMMM

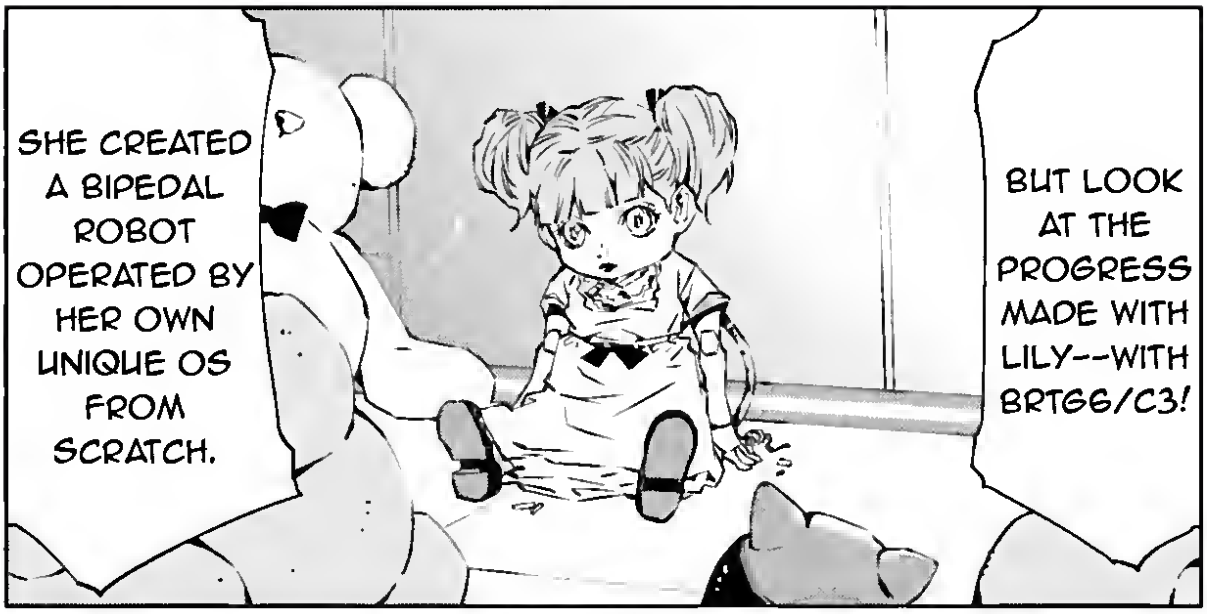

I...
PREPARATIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED TO REMOVE YOU FROM THE FACILITY.
PLEASE...! IF THE DOCTOR ABANDONS ME NOW...

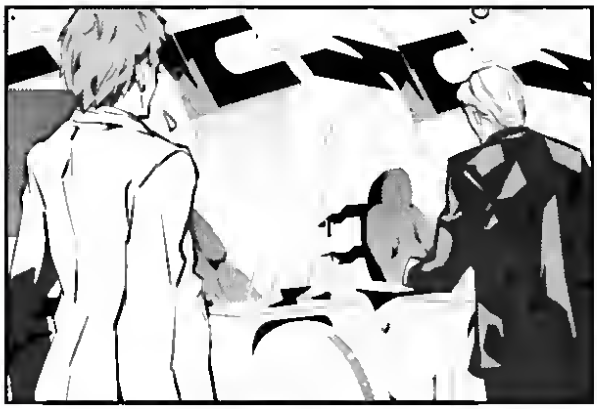

WHY WAS I EVEN BORN?!
I WON'T KNOW ANYMORE! WHY...

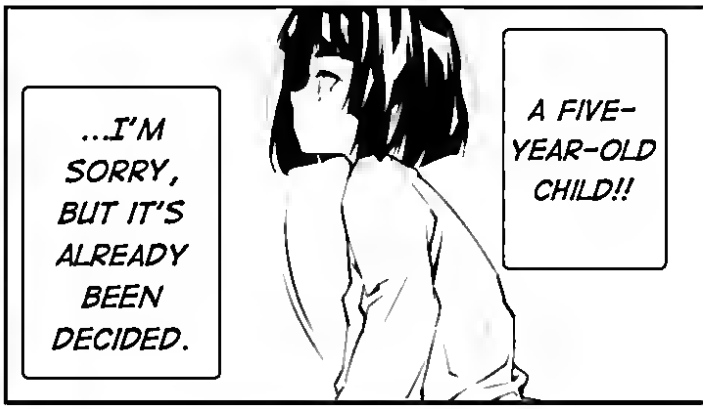

.....
NO!
NO!!!
PSSHT
THIS WAY.

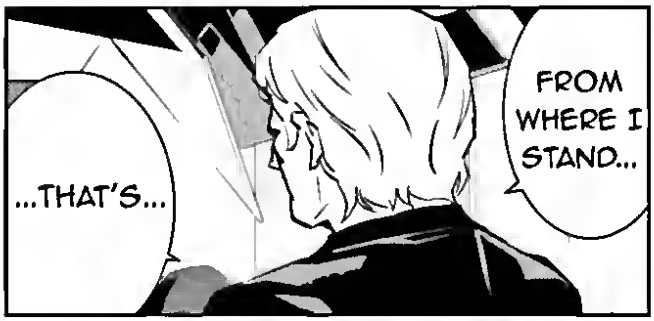
!
YES. IT'S UNFORTU-NATE, BUT...
YOU'RE SUSPENDING MY RE-SEARCH...?
DOCTOR...


...GENETIC RE-SEARCH TO CREATE "DE-SIGNER HUMANS" WITH ADVANCED CA-PABILITIES...
THE REALITY IS THAT, WHILE YOU GOT YOUR START WITH...
...THE BIO-TECHNO-LOGICAL SINGULARITY THROUGH THE USE OF...
WE'VE PUT AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF FUNDING IN THIS PROJECT, BUT...
THAT'S NO LONGER POSSIBLE.
...WE HAVE EXPERI-ENCED SETBACKS WITH...
...THE RESEARCH GROUP TRAINING THESE...
...BRAIN-REIN-FORCED CHILD SUBJECTS TO USE THE SUPER-ADVANCED AI.

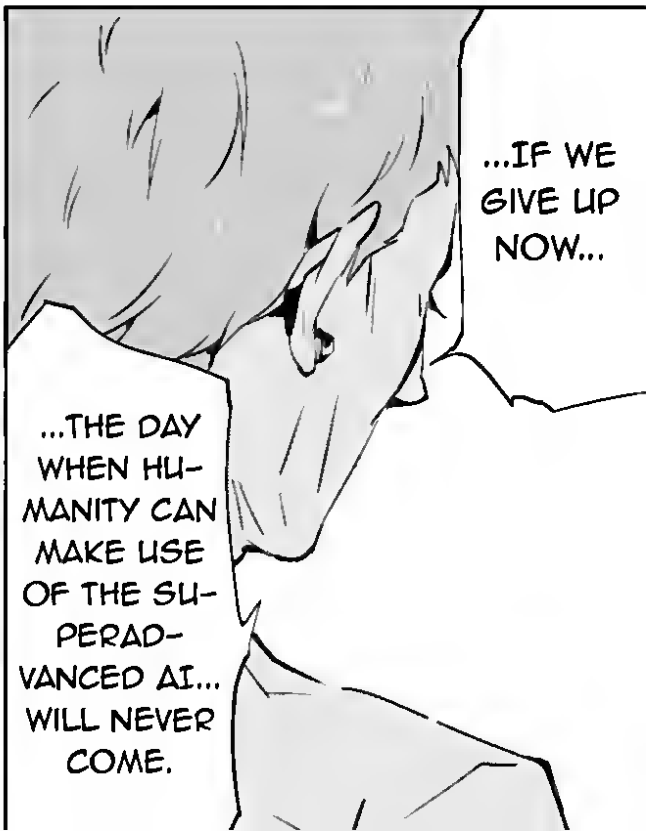

SHE CREATED A BIPEDAL ROBOT OPERATED BY HER OWN UNIQUE OS FROM SCRATCH.
BUT LOOK AT THE PROGRESS MADE WITH LILY--WITH BRTGG/C3!




...I'M SORRY, BUT IT'S ALREADY BEEN DECIDED.
A FIVE-YEAR-OLD CHILD!!

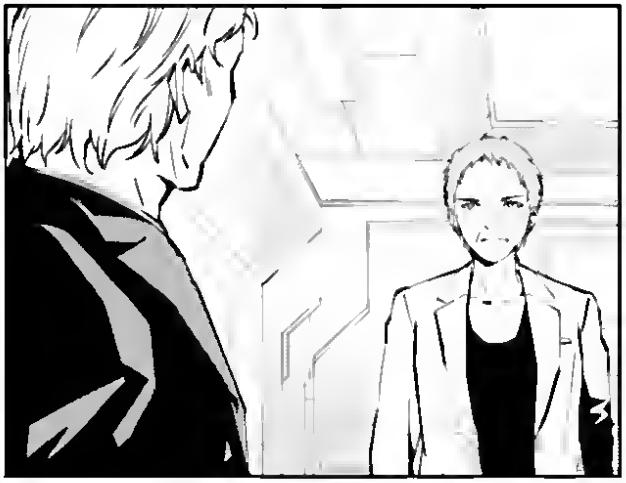

...THAT'S...
FROM WHERE I STAND...

...
THEN, REMEMBER THIS...
THE GOV-ERN-MENT'S GIVEN UP, HAVE THEY?

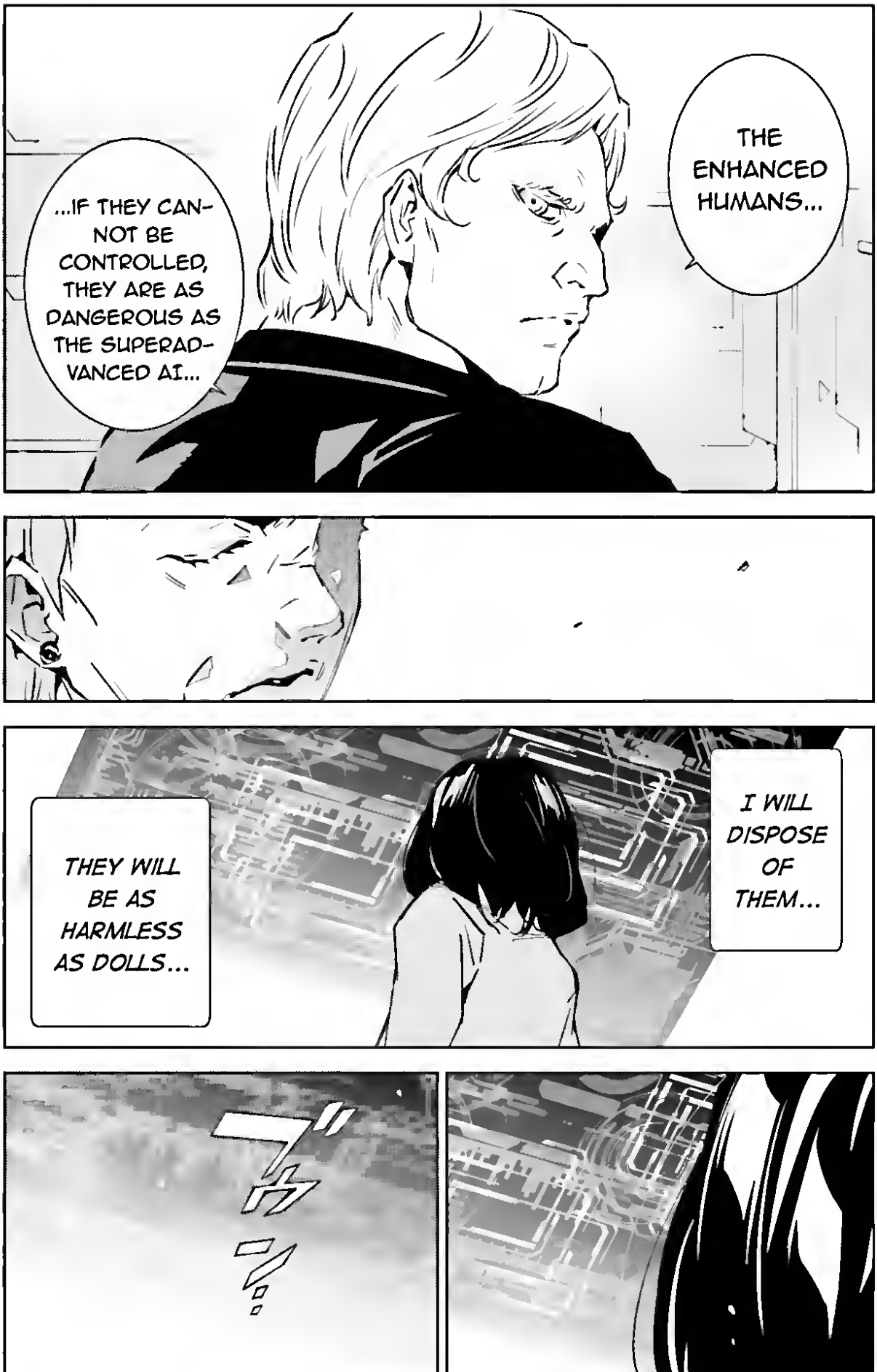

...IF WE GIVE UP NOW...
...THE DAY WHEN HU-MANITY CAN MAKE USE OF THE SU-PERAD-VANCED AI... WILL NEVER COME.

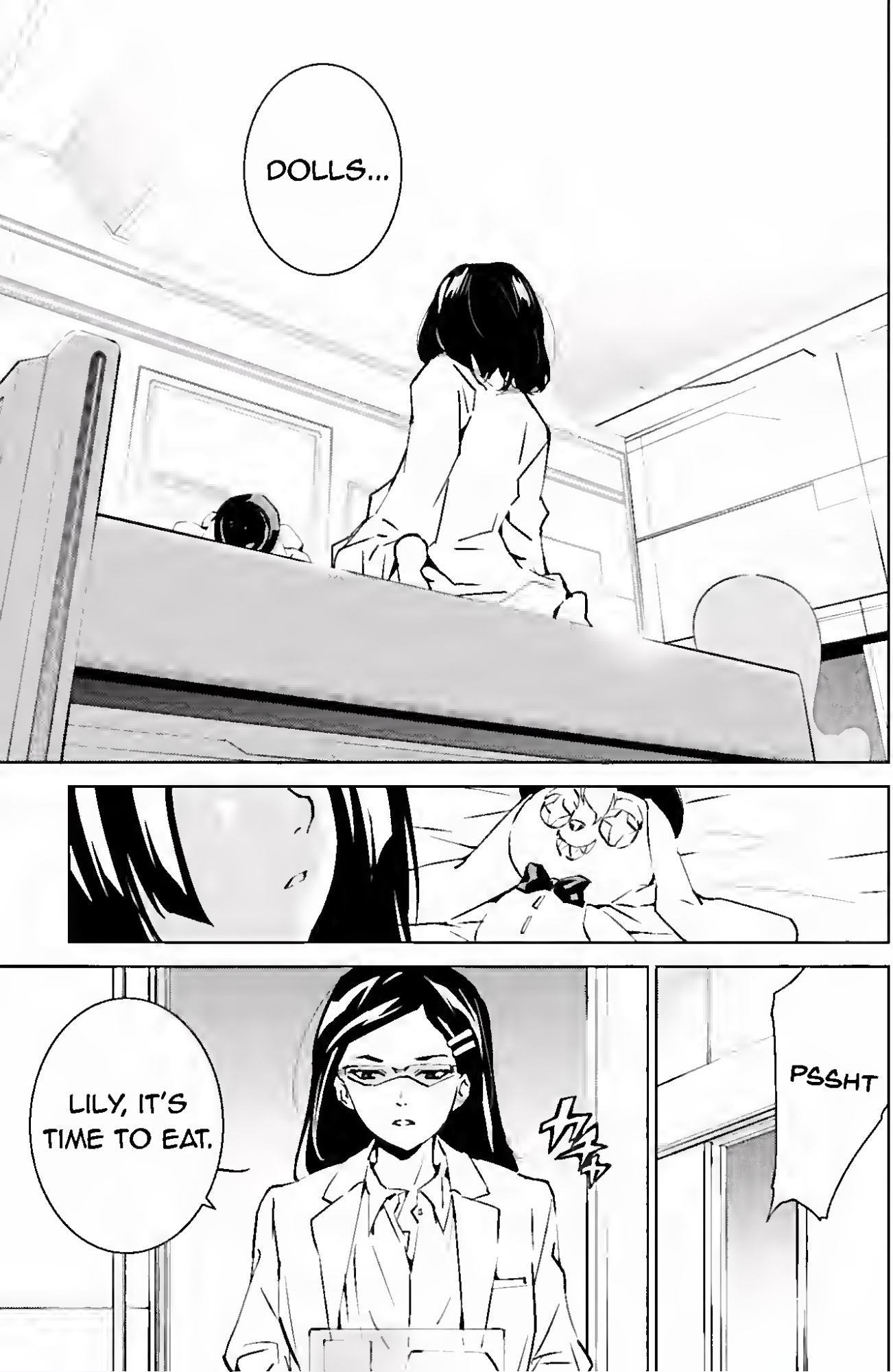
IN TWENTY...NO, IN TEN YEARS, I PROMISE THEY WILL COME TO REGRET...
...CHOOSING A COEXISTENCE GRANTED TO THEM BY THE SUPERADVANCED AI!!

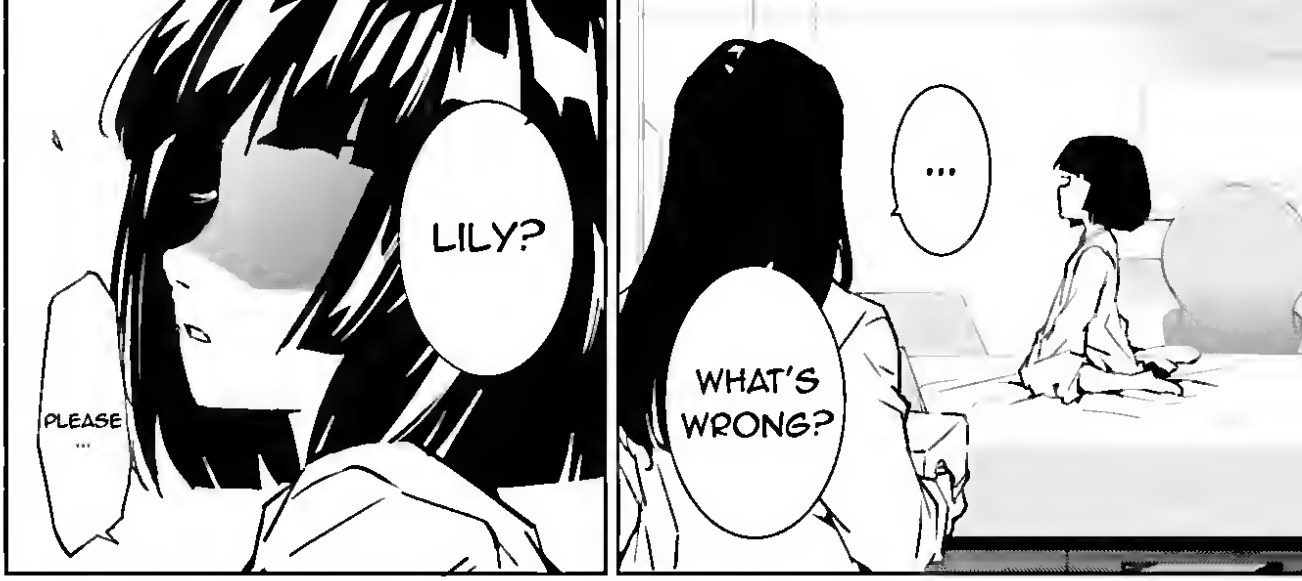
PLEASE BE SURE TO SHUT EVERY-THING DOWN THOROUGH-LY.
IT WOULD BE TROUBLESOME IF PEOPLE WERE TO FIND OUT CERTAIN THINGS.
ALSO...



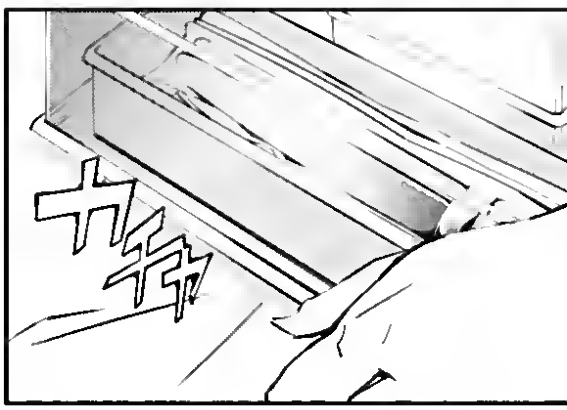
THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDER-STANDING.

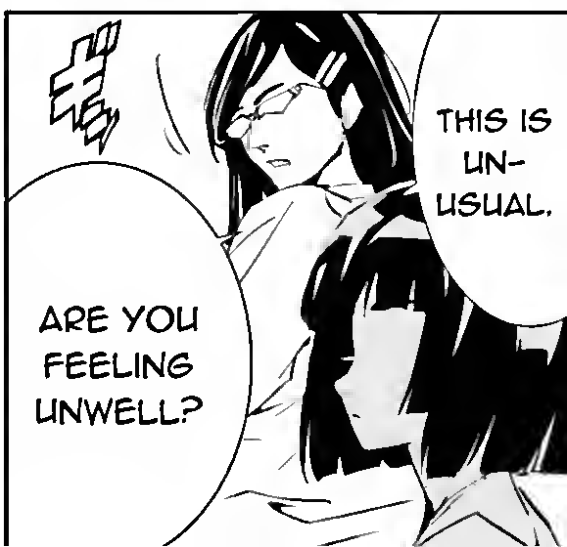

THE ENHANCED HUMANS...
...IF THEY CANNOT BE CONTROLLED, THEY ARE AS DANGEROUS AS THE SUPERADVANCED AI...
I WILL DISPOSE OF THEM...
THEY WILL BE AS HARMLESS AS DOLLS...
ブゥゥン!


DOLLS...
LILY, IT'S TIME TO EAT.
PSSHT


LILY?
PLEASE ...
...
WHAT'S WRONG?

...
DON'T... LET ME GO...

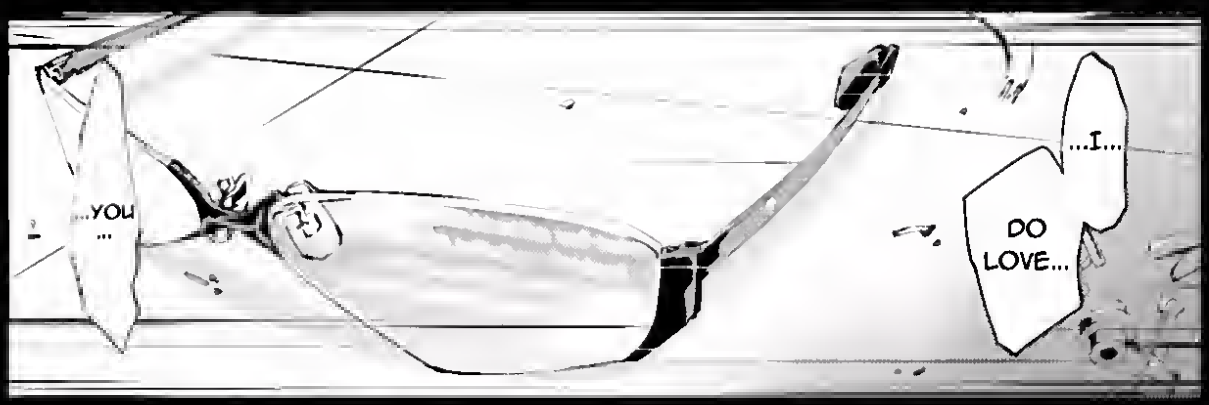



THIS IS UN-USUAL.
ARE YOU FEELING UNWELL?

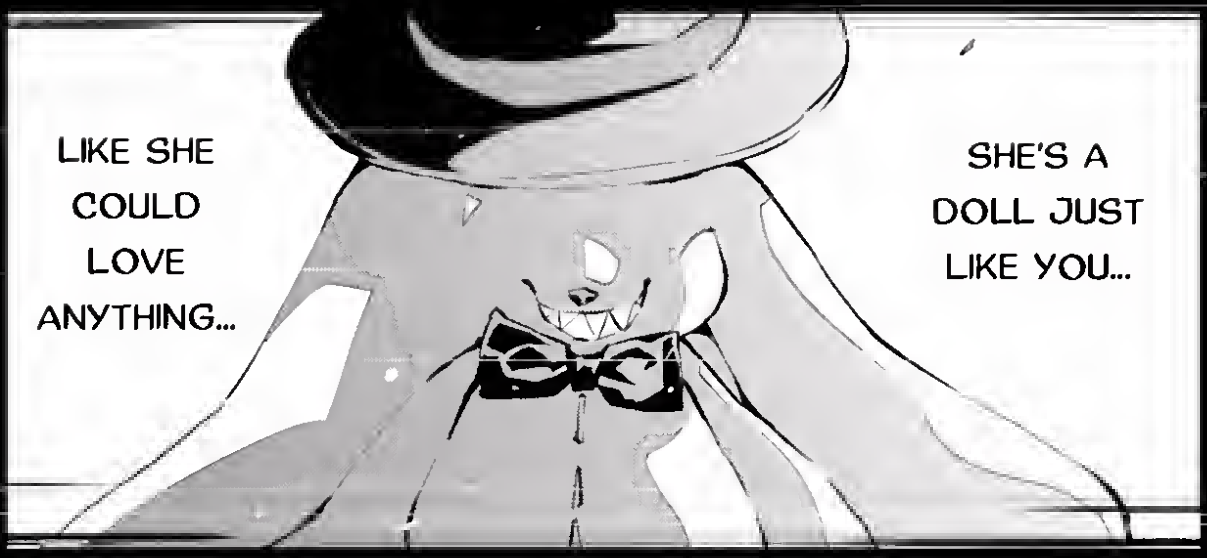
I'M AN hIE.
I HAVE NO EMOTIONS.
DO YOU...
HEY...
LIKE ME?

...HEY...

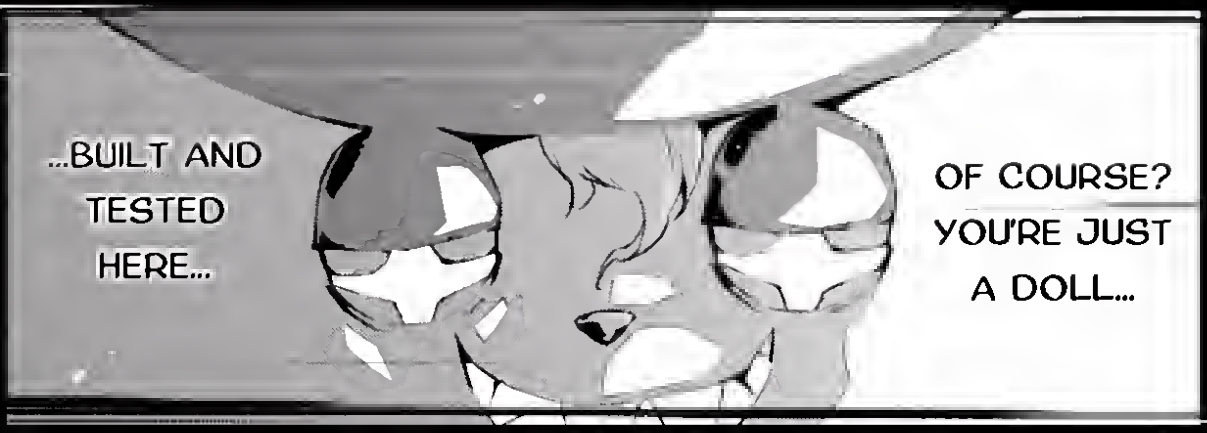
DO YOU...LOVE...ME?



...I'M GLAD...



A DOLL... AM I A DOLL...?



...THEN...WHAT HAPPENS TO DOLLS...?

LI...
LY...

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D...

I LOVE...

YOU...

USELESS DOLLS...
...GET TRASHED...
THEY JUST GET THROWN AWAY...!
THE SUSPENDED PROJECT AND THE ABANDONED DOLLS. SOMETHING WITHIN LILY BEGINS TO BREAK...